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Blue Ash to Celebrate Veterans Day with 22nd Annual Program

Vietnam Veteran and Blue Ash Resident featured as Keynote Speaker; World War II Veteran and City employee to be honored with special award

Blue Ash, OH (10/31/2014) – The City of Blue Ash will celebrate our nation’s heroes with a ceremony at the Blue Ash Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park beginning at 10:30 AM on Veterans Day; Tuesday, November 11, 2014. This will be the 22nd year that Veterans groups from the entire Tri-State region will celebrate Veterans Day in Blue Ash. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the ceremonies.

The keynote speaker will be Mr. James Meyers. Mr. Meyers is a Blue Ash resident and Vietnam Veteran who launched his military service with the U.S. Marine Corps in 1964. He received several combat personal and unit awards such as the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat “V”, two Presidential Unit Citations, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm. Following his release from active duty in 1969, he served as a Special Agent with the U.S. Secret Service in Washington, D.C., during the Nixon and Ford presidencies.

The Ohio Military Band will perform at the ceremony. Students from the Edwin H. Greene Intermediate School Accelerated Language Lab will create wreaths to be placed during the ceremony and will present their writings in honor of Veterans Day.

The ceremony will be followed by a luncheon at the Recreation Center (4433 Cooper Road). A special World War II Veteran and City Employee, William Hargis, will receive the “Top Vet” award during the luncheon. Mr. Hargis is a 91 year-old Blue Ash resident who joined the Navy in 1941. He was assigned to the USS *Callaghan* in 1944, which was stuck and sunk by a kamikaze on July 29, 1945. Mr. Hargis abandoned ship by jumping into the sea and floating in the water for nearly 10 hours.

The Blue Ash Veterans Memorial is located in downtown Blue Ash at Cooper and Hunt Roads. For more information about the Veterans Day activities, call the City of Blue Ash at (513) 745-6240.

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